

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE
LITIGATION

This document relates to:

Rapides Parish Police Jury v.
AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, et al.

1:20-op-45111-DAP

MDL No. 2804

Case No. 1:17-md-2804

Judge Dan Aaron Polster

**SHORT FORM FOR SUPPLEMENTING
COMPLAINT AND AMENDING
DEFENDANTS AND JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff submits this supplemental pleading and Amended Complaint incorporating as if fully set forth herein its own prior pleadings and, if indicated below, the common factual allegations identified and the RICO causes of action included in the Corrected Second Amended Complaint and Jury Demand in the case of *The County of Summit, Ohio, et al., v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.*, Case No. 1:18-op-45090 (“*Summit County Pleadings*”), *In Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Dkt #513, 514¹), and as may be amended in the future, and any additional claims asserted herein. Plaintiff also hereby amends its complaint to alter the defendants against which claims are asserted as identified below. To the extent defendants were previously sued in plaintiff(s)’ existing complaint and they are no longer identified as defendants herein, they have been dismissed without prejudice except as limited by CMO-1, Section 6(e). Doc. #232.

¹ Docket #513 is the redacted Summit Second Amended Complaint and Docket #514 is the unredacted Summit Corrected Second Amended Complaint filed under seal in Case No. 1:17-md-02804-DAP. The redacted Summit Corrected Second Amended Complaint is also filed in its individual docket, Case No. 1:18-op-45090-DAP, Docket #24.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF EXISTING COMPLAINT

Plaintiff(s)' Existing Complaint, *Rapides Parish Police Jury v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, et al.* (1:20-op-45111-DAP), as may have been previously amended, is expressly incorporated by reference to this Short Form as if fully set forth herein except to the extent that allegations regarding certain defendants that are not listed in section 2 below are dismissed without prejudice.

PARTIES – DEFENDANTS

1. Having reviewed the relevant ARCOS data, Plaintiff asserts claims against the following Defendants:

AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG CORPORATION, CARDINAL HEALTH, INC., McKESSON CORPORATION, TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD, ;TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., CEPHALON, INC., JOHNSON & JOHNSON,; JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA INC. n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., NORAMCO, INC., ENDO HEALTH SOLUTIONS INC., ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ALLERGAN PLC f/k/a ACTAVIS PLS, WATSON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. n/k/a ACTAVIS, INC., WATSON LABORATORIES, INC., ACTAVIS LLC, ACTAVIS PHARMA, INC. f/k/a WATSON PHARMA, INC., MALLINCKRODT PLC, MALLINCKRODT LLC., CVS HEALTH CORP., WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE, INC., WAL-MART, INC., MORRIS & DICKSON CO., LLC., LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG CO., INC., ALBERTSON'S LLC, ALVOGEN, INC., AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC, HARCO, INC., THE KROGER CO., KVK-TECH, INC., MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., PAR PHARMACEUTICAL, INC., PAR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, INC., SANDOZ INC., SPECGX LLC, SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, INC., AND WEST-WARD PHARMACEUTICALS, CORP..

I, Anthony J. Majestro, Counsel for Plaintiff(s), certify that in identifying all Defendants, I have followed the procedure approved by the Court and reviewed the ARCOS data that I understand to be relevant to Plaintiff(s). I further certify that, except as set forth below, each of the Defendant(s) newly added herein appears in the ARCOS data I reviewed. I understand that for each newly added Defendant not appearing in the ARCOS data I must set forth below factual allegations sufficient to state a claim against any such newly named Defendant that does not appear in the ARCOS data.

Dated: June 22, 2020

Signed: /s/ Anthony J. Majestro

Factual Allegations Regarding Individual Defendants

1.1 Defendants ALBERTSON'S LLC, ALVOGEN, INC., AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC, HARCO, INC. THE KROGER CO., KVK-TECH, INC., MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., PAR PHARMACEUTICAL, INC., PAR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, INC., SANDOZ INC., SPECGX LLC, SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, INC., AND WEST-WARD PHARMACEUTICALS, CORP. are hereby added as Defendants by this pleading based on the following jurisdictional allegations:

1.1.1 - Defendant **Albertson's LLC** is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Boise, Idaho. Albertsons LLC is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Albertsons LLC distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. Albertsons LLC is sued as both a Distributor Defendant and as a National Retail Pharmacy

1.1.2 Defendant **Alvogen, Inc.** is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business in Pine Brook, New Jersey. It manufactures, promotes, distributes and/or sells opioids nationally. Alvogen is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Alvogen distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegation incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. Alvogen, Inc. is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.3 Defendant **Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC** ("Amneal") is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Branchburg, New Jersey.

Amneal manufactures, promotes, distributes and/or sells opioids nationally, including many Schedule II controlled substances such as Oxycodone and Hydrocodone. Amneal is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Amneal distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. Amneal is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.4 Defendant **Harco, Inc., f/k/a Harco Drug, Inc.**, ("Harco") is an Alabama Corporation with its principal place of business in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Defendant Rite Aid acquired Harco in 1997. Harco is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Harco distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. Harco is sued as a Distributor Defendant and as a National Retail Pharmacy Defendant.

1.1.5 Defendant **The Kroger Co.** is an Ohio corporation with headquarters in Cincinnati, OH. Kroger operates 2,268 pharmacies in the United States. The Kroger Co. conducts business as a licensed wholesale distributor under the following named business entities: Kroger Limited Partnership I ("Kroger I") and Kroger Limited Partnership II (collectively "Kroger"). Kroger is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Kroger distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegations

incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. Kroger is sued as both a Distributor Defendant and as a National Retail Pharmacy Defendant.

1.1.6 Defendant **KVK-Tech, Inc.** is a privately-held Pennsylvania corporation with its principal place of business in Pennsylvania. KVK-Tech, Inc. is a manufacturer of generic prescription opioids, including many Schedule II controlled substances such as Oxycodone and Hydrocodone. KVK-Tech, Inc. manufactures, markets, sells and/or distributes pharmaceutical drugs nationally and in Plaintiff's Community. KVK-Tech, Inc. is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. KVK-Tech, Inc. distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. KVK-Tech, Inc. is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.7 Defendant **Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.** dba Mylan Pharmaceuticals is a West Virginia corporation with its principal place of business located in Morgantown, WV. Mylan Pharmaceuticals is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff's community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Mylan Pharmaceuticals distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff's original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries. Mylan Pharmaceuticals is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.8 Defendant **Par Pharmaceutical, Inc.** is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located in Chestnut Ridge, New York. Par Pharmaceutical, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc. f/k/a Par Pharmaceutical Holdings, Inc. Defendant **Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc.** is a Delaware corporation with

its principal place of business located in Chestnut Ridge, New York. (Par Pharmaceutical, Inc., and Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc., collectively “Par Pharmaceutical”) was acquired by Endo International plc in September 2015 and is an operating company of Endo International plc. Par Pharmaceutical is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff’s community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Par Pharmaceutical distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff’s original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injuries. Par Pharmaceutical is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.9 Defendant **Sandoz, Inc, (“Sandoz”)** is a division of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (“Novartis”) is registered as a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in East Hanover, New Jersey. Sandoz is a Colorado corporation with its principal place of business in Princeton, New Jersey. Sandoz principally develops, manufactures, markets, and distributes generic pharmaceutical products. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant. Sandoz manufactured, promoted, distributed and/or sold opioids nationally, and in Plaintiff’s Community in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff and in sufficient quantities to proximately cause Plaintiff’s injuries as set forth herein.

1.1.10 Defendant **SpecGx, LLC** is a Delaware limited liability company with its headquarters in Clayton, Missouri and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Defendant Mallinckrodt plc. SpecGx, LLC is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff’s community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. SpecGx, LLC distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff’s original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injuries. SpecGx, LLC is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.11 **Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.** (“Sun Pharmaceutical”) is a Michigan corporation with a principal place of business in Cranbury, New Jersey. Sun Pharmaceutical is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff’s community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Sun Pharmaceutical distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff’s original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injuries. Sun Pharmaceutical is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

1.1.12 Defendant **West-Ward Pharmaceuticals Corporation** n/k/a Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. (“West-Ward”) is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business in New Jersey. West-Ward is a provider of oral, liquid, inhalant, and injectable branded and non-branded generic medicines. West-Ward is a manufacturer of generic prescription opioids, including many Schedule II controlled substances such as Oxycodone and Hydromorphone. West-Ward manufactures, markets, sells and/or distributes pharmaceutical drugs nationally and in Plaintiff’s Community. West-Ward is registered to conduct business and/or conducts business in Plaintiff’s community as a licensed wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. West-Ward distributed opioids, in violation of the duties owed to Plaintiff as set forth in Plaintiff’s original complaint and the other allegations incorporated herein, in sufficient quantities to be a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injuries. West-Ward is sued as a Marketing Defendant.

COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

2. By checking the boxes in this section, Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference to this document the common factual allegations set forth in the *Summit County* Pleadings as identified in the Court’s Order implementing the Short Form procedure. Dkt. #1282.

☒ Common Factual Allegations (Paragraphs 130 through 670 and 746 through 813)

☒ RICO Marketing Enterprise Common Factual Allegations (Paragraphs 814-848)

☒ RICO Supply Chain Enterprise Common Factual Allegations (Paragraphs 849-877)

3. If additional claims are alleged below that were not pled in Plaintiff's Existing Complaint (other than the RICO claims asserted herein), the facts supporting those allegations must be pleaded here. Plaintiff(s) assert(s) the following additional facts to support the claim(s) identified in Paragraph 6 below (below or attached):

N/A

CLAIMS

4. The following federal **RICO causes of action** asserted in the *Summit County* Pleadings as identified in the Court's implementing order and any subsequent amendments, Dkt. 1282, are incorporated in this Short Form by reference, in addition to the causes of action already asserted in the Plaintiff(s)'s Existing Complaint (check all that apply):

☒ First Claim for Relief – Violation of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 *et seq.* – Opioid Marketing Enterprise (Against Defendants Purdue, Cephalon, Janssen, Endo and Mallinckrodt (the “RICO Marketing Defendants”)) (*Summit County* Pleadings, Paragraphs 878-905)

☒ Second Claim for Relief – Violation of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 *et seq.* – Opioid Supply Chain Enterprise (Against Defendants Purdue, Cephalon, Endo, Mallinckrodt, Actavis, McKesson, Cardinal, and AmerisourceBergen (the “RICO Supply Chain Defendants”)) (*Summit County* Pleadings, Paragraphs 906-938)

5. Plaintiff asserts the following **additional claims** as indicated (below or attached):
N/A

6. To the extent Plaintiff(s) wish(es) to **dismiss claims** previously asserted in Plaintiff(s)'s Existing Complaint, they are identified below and will be dismissed without prejudice: N/A

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) prays for relief as set forth in the *Summit County* Pleadings in *In Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation* in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, MDL No. 2804 and in Plaintiff's Existing Complaint as has been amended herein.

Dated: June 22, 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22nd day of June, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the CM/ECF System. Copies will be served upon counsel of record by, and may be obtained through, the Court CM/ECF Systems.

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